

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend paragraph [0007] on page one as follows:*

In a first aspect the invention consists in a conduit for a breathing circuit including a ~~heating means~~ heater located within said conduit, said ~~heating means~~ heater comprising an elongate heating element covered with an inner electrical insulating layer and at least partially covered with an outer hydrophilic layer, there being no means for direct supply of water or fluid to said hydrophilic layer from outside said conduit.

*Please amend paragraph [0008] on page one as follows:*

In a second aspect the invention consists in a breathing circuit including an expiratory gases flow path and a ~~heating means~~ heater located within said expiratory gases flow path and associated at least in part with a portion of hydrophilic material.